

## **Article 7      Baptism and The Lord's Supper**

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Let me read the article here. "Water Baptism is the clear picture of a believer's death to sin, burial of the old life, and the resurrection to live a new life in Christ Jesus. And it is a prerequisite to the privileges of church membership and to the Lord's Supper. And the Lord's Supper is a symbolic act of obedience whereby members of the church, through partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine, to remember the death of the Redeemer and anticipate the second coming of Jesus Christ."

I teach at Gateway Seminary, the Korean track, formerly Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary. And I usually ask at the class, "Do you remember the date and time of your salvation?"

Only about 20% of my students, seminary there, they say, "Yes, I do." Most of the people do not, cannot pinpoint the time of their salvation. Very few, not many, do not remember.

But all of them, all of us remember the date of our baptism. We have a certificate. And at that time, pastor ask us, "Do you believe Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord?"

"Yes, I do."

And then, "Upon your confession of your Jesus as your Savior and Lord, now I baptize you in the name of the Lord, in the name of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit."

What a blessed time we do.

And yeah, I have to say this, that Gateway Seminary, I perpetually thankful to my seminary. I graduate from there, and my wife graduate, and my son graduate and all of my associate and my church, they are from Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Gateway Seminary.

We have a new president who is aggressively, aggressively reaching out Koreans. And thank you, Dr. Groza, for that.

And Golden Gate Baptist Seminary is the best seminary in the world. Yeah. Amen.

Water baptism, yes. It is so crucial, so important.

But at my church in San Francisco, now I do a church plant there near our seminary a plant.

And my people, the Korean people, have a little difficulty to have a baptism, water baptism, because of their traditional church in Korea. Baptists are a little smaller than Presbyterians and Methodists there in Korea. Presbyterians are so strong, so big, and they are beautiful. We love them.

But in 1885, two missionaries came to Korea, Presbyterians and Methodists. And four years later, in 1889, a Baptist man from Canada came to Korea, his first missionary. He was a 26-year-old young man, and he lived his whole life in Korea. He died there, and he's buried there.

Now we have about 4,000 Korean Baptist churches in Korea. Relatively small, but it's strong, and we appreciate for that the missionary who came to Korea.

Come to church here, my church, and then, you know, I teach here. Water baptism, this is a Baptist church. This is what it means.

And I remember one time a man, Mr. Lee, was baptizing at my church. "Water baptism is the clear picture of believer's death to sin, buried of the old life and the resurrection to live a new life in Christ Jesus."

Maybe I overemphasized and leave burial of the old life. "You live a whole past, habit, and your life under the water."

And this man, I was baptizing him, he wouldn't come out. I was so scared.

Man, what the people will say, Pastor Gil killed one person there. Later I asked him, Mr. Lee, how come you didn't come out quick under the water? I was scared.

He said, "I had so much buried there under the water there."

What a great picture. What a great picture.

Jesus did it. He was baptized. He was coming to the Jordan River to be baptized.

John the Baptist said, I need to be baptized by you. You came to me.

Jesus said, do this to fulfill the whole righteousness.

Jesus Christ is our Savior. He died on the cross. And then He washed our sins. But this is a clear picture of our salvation, Water baptism...

Am I hearing the music? Shut up, man.

Well, I have to quit it.

I pray that we continue to preach the Great Commission. Make disciples of all the nations by going, by baptizing. Yes, baptism is included there by teaching.

May the Lord bless you. Thank you.